

Bellevue Essentials Grads Makes Care Boxes for Foster Kids



On Saturday, January 21, 35 Bellevue Essentials alumni, representing many Bellevue neighborhoods gathered at Bellden Cafe to prepare “Care Boxes” for

foster kids. Teams made over 25 boxes filled with snack items, cards, games, toothbrushes, flashlights, socks and underwear, journals and more for area foster children.

Each week, the Department of Social and Health Services

receives several children moving into foster care. These kids are often leaving behind homes that are violent or unsafe and a visit to DSHS can be full of anxiety and uncertainty. Office Moms and Dads sit with and entertain these kids while their social workers work on their cases. Each Care Box comes with a note of love and warmth and some necessities and items for fun and entertainment.

In addition to Office Moms and Dads, the DSHS office also needs help organizing the care closet once a month. Volunteers are also needed to supervise visits between children and families, once a week.

The next volunteer training is on February 15, 5:30-6:30pm. Please contact Kendall Samford at BellevueOMD@gmail.com or Shawntae at SteveSH@dshs.wa.gov. Bellevue Essentials is the City’s 9-week civic engagement class that occurs each fall. For more information on the Bellevue Essentials program, contact Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov.

Building Community through Music — Ballard Civic Orchestra Performance

Saturday, February 4, 7pm

*Highland Community Center
14224 Bel Red Rd, Bellevue*

Funded by the Special Art Projects Grant from the City of Bellevue, Ballard Civic Orchestra will kick off their first performance of the 2017 concert series entitled “Celebrating Hispanic & Latin American Cultural Heritage,” in Bellevue this month, featuring opera tenor Jose Iniguez, singer Bolero, and flutist Teresa Caballero.

Ballard Civic Orchestra is a multi-generational, intercultural orchestra with a motto “Building Community through Music”. Its mission is to enhance community life, by sharing their passion for music to benefit under-served communities and their families, with a focus to outreach to diverse Seattle-area immigrant and refugee communities.



The concert is free, all are welcome. For More information about the orchestra and the concert, please visit <http://www.ballardcivicorchestra.org/upcoming-events/>. For more information about arts funding opportunities, please contact Josh Heim 425-452-4105, jheim@bellevuewa.gov, or visit the Arts Program website at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_special_projects_funding.htm

Women and Diversity Career Fair

Saturday, February 4, 10am-2pm

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

In a partnership with various cities and the Northwest Women's Law Enforcement Network, the City of Bellevue is proud to host the "Women and Diversity Career Fair". The goal of the event is part of our ongoing efforts promote Public Safety and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) career and networking opportunities to women and underrepresented individuals in these related fields.



The event will feature 30 agencies with recruiters and representatives providing information on employment opportunities. Throughout the day, there will be

ongoing demos, activities for children, and panel presentations. We will also have HR representatives assist you in setting up an online NEOGov account – job application platform that is used by many public sector agencies.

Please be sure to attend the panel presentations where professionals in the field will share their experiences. There will also be opportunity for an audience Q&A.

- 10:15am-11:15am Science Technology Engineering Mathematic (STEM) field panelists
- 11:30am-12:30pm Fire/Emergency Services panelists
- 12:45-1:45pm Law Enforcement Panelists

For more information, please

visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-diversity-career-fair-tickets-31110926619?aff=es2>



Need Help with a Conflict?

If you are faced with a conflict and could use some confidential assistance with it, the Bellevue Mediation Program is here for you. Many people who work or live in the City of Bellevue contact us to help resolve conflicts through a continuum of services.

Call us if you:

- Are unclear about how to broach a difficult topic so we can coach you in how to do this yourself.
- Are hesitant to resolve the issue with the other person so we can contact the other person and be an intermediary on the phone for you.
- Want help talking to each other face to face in order to preserve the relationship so we can facilitate a mediation between you and the other person(s)
- Hope to learn more about how to better communicate and to resolve conflicts yourselves; we can teach you and others these skills.

We can help you with conflicts involving



neighbors, parents and teens, businesses and consumers, HOA's and tenants, landlords and tenants, elders and startup teams. We

do not do divorce, workplace, parenting plan or small claims mediation.

One of our conciliators (people who help with conflict) will first listen to your concern and together you will assess the best way to move forward; the conciliator can just coach you to resolve it yourself, act as a phone intermediary between you and the other(s), or schedule a face-to-face mediation or facilitation between you and the other person(s). Most conflicts are resolved on the phone.

There is no cost for most of our programs. For more information, contact us at 425-452-4091 or mediation_info@bellevuewa.gov



Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

You are invited

The Changing Face of Bellevue's Neighborhoods

Tuesday, February 28, 6:30-8:30pm | Bellevue City Hall Room 1E-108

Our neighborhoods are home to an increasingly diverse and international community of neighbors. Are you curious about changing demographics of Bellevue's neighborhoods? What challenges does that diversity pose for our neighborhoods? How can we be proactive in building the community we want to be?

Gwen Rousseau, City Demographer, will share current demographic trends and help us understand what Bellevue neighborhoods look like today. Mark Manuel, City Diversity and Engagement Administrator, along with

members of Bellevue's Diversity Advisory Network, will facilitate a group discussion regarding the challenges and opportunities that diversity in our neighborhoods provide.

The Neighborhood Leadership Gathering is a semi-annual gathering of neighborhood leaders who come together to share and learn from each other. Anyone invested in the health and quality of life of their neighborhood is welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Reserve your spaces today, RSVP to 425-452-6836 or neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov.



New Ped-Bike Bridge Installed along Northup Way

Workers recently completed a milestone on the Northup Way Connection to SR 520 Trail project with the installation of a pedestrian-bicycle bridge over the Eastside Rail Corridor. The new bridge is located adjacent to the older vehicle bridge on Northup Way, just east of 116th Avenue Northeast.

The bridge steel work was installed in one day, with cranes picking up three, 100-foot long sections from semi flatbed trailers and lowering them onto previously-constructed support columns. The new bridge is a key part of the work on Northup Way, a major east-west corridor in north Bellevue.

Improvements on Northup, between NE 33rd Street and NE 24th Street, include bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the street, two mid-block pedestrian crossings, street lighting and landscaping. The new bike lanes will link to the SR 520 regional trail to the west and an existing trail off Northeast 24th Street to the east. Bellevue is partnering with the state Department of Transportation on the project, which is slated for completion this spring.

Traffic delays are expected to continue in the construction area on Northup Way and alternate routes are recommended. More information on the Northup Way project is available online: <http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/northup-corridor-pedbike.htm>.

Construction Information Tools: To stay up-to-date about where construction has lane or full road closures, please use the following information tools:

- Electronic Message boards: Gives dates or times of upcoming lane or road closures.



- Real-time Traffic Map & Cameras: www.bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap
- Traffic Advisories webpage: www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm
- Follow the Transportation Department on Twitter: @BvueTrans
- Capital Project (Interactive) Map: www.bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map.htm
- Sign up for email alerts on project webpages: www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation.htm

Save the Dates for the "Better Together" Spring Series

As Bellevue residents experience cultural changes in their neighborhoods and navigate a changing political climate, it has become vital to acquire skills to successfully communicate and interact with those who may be different from us.



Civil Disagreement

Wednesday, March 29, 6:30pm

Exploring Cross Cultural Communications

Wednesday, April 26, 6:30pm

Under Our Skin – What Do We Mean When We Talk About Race?

Wednesday, May 31, 6:30 p.m.

More information will be available soon. Please mark your calendar!



Boards and Commissions Meetings

(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the City web pages listed below to download agendas.)

East Bellevue Community Council (6:30pm, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) First Tuesday of each month <http://bellevuewa.gov/ebcc.htm>

Arts Commission (4:30pm, 1E-109) First Tuesday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

Environmental Services Commission (6:30pm, 1E-113) First Thursday of each month http://bellevuewa.gov/envIRON_serv_comm.htm

Planning Commission (6:30pm, 1E-113) Second and fourth Wednesday of each month http://bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

Transportation Commission (6:30pm, 1E-113) Second Thursday of the month of each month http://bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

Human Services Commission (6pm, 1E-113) First and third Tuesday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

LEOFF 1 Disability Board (6pm, Room 1E-118) First Tuesday of each month <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/leoff-1-disability-board.htm>

Library Board (5pm, Lake Hills, Bellevue or Newport Way Library) The third Tuesday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm

Parks & Community Services Board (6pm, 1E-113) Second Tuesday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

Network on Aging (8:30pm, 1E-113) First Thursday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

Special Events Committee (8:30pm, 1E-112) Second Thursday of each month http://bellevuewa.gov/special_events_committee.htm

Youth Link Board (6pm, 1E-120) Second Wednesday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/youth_link_board.htm

Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Office offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, please visit our website at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-outreach.htm> or call 425-452-6836 or email: neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov

City Council <https://bellevue.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Day	Scheduled Meeting(s)	Location	Public Comment Opportunity
1st and 3rd Mondays except in August and December	6pm, Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8pm, Regular Session	Council Chambers	8pm, Oral Communications
2nd and 4th Mondays except in August and December	6-10pm, Extended Study Session	Council Conference Room	6pm, Oral Communications
August - first Monday only	6pm, Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8pm, Regular Session	Council Chambers	8pm, Oral Communications
December - first and second Mondays only	6pm, Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8pm, Regular Session	Council Chambers	8pm, Oral Communications

